GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Road Connectivity in Hilly Areas
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken special measures to improve the road connectivity in hilly States of the country including border road network in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details and the funds provided for construction/upgradation/maintenance of National Highways in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and UP since April, 2015 till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) and (b) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country, which is a continuous process; works on NHs, including those in hilly areas, are accordingly taken up as per inter se priority, traffic density and availability of funds.

The Ministry has, also, taken up development of roads under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North East Region (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads for improvement of road connectivity in States of North Eastern region.
Further, the Ministry has taken up detailed review of National Highways (NHs) network in the country including road network in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, with a view to improve the road connectivity to coastal / border areas, backward areas, religious places, tourist places, construction / rehabilitation / widening of about 1,500 major bridges and 208 Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) / Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) on NHs, improvement of newly declared NHs providing connectivity to District Head Quarters, Connectivity Improvement Program for Char-Dham (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunothri & Gangothri in Uttarakhand) under proposed Bharatmala Pariyojana.

(c) The details of funds provided for development and maintenance of NHs in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and UP since April, 2015 is annexed.